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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace Paragraph Nos. 0011 and 0012 with the following rewritten paragraphs:

– [0011] There is thus provided, according to one aspect of the invention, a cleaning device for use with a floating member that is adapted to float substantially adjacent to, and to extend below, extends below a fluid surface level in a recirculating fluid system that contains containing surface contaminants. The cleaning device comprises an absorbent body member having an active surface portion that is adapted to operatively absorb the surface contaminants from the fluid surface level. The cleaning device further comprises a securing means for removably securing the body member to the floating member and for ensuring buoyancy of the absorbent body member substantially adjacent to and in floating relation with the fluid surface level.

[0012] According to another aspect of the invention, the securing means comprises a substantially central aperture formed at least partway through a bottom surface of the absorbent body member to provide an a substantially continuous interior securing surface. The substantially continuous interior securing surface is adapted to removably secure the absorbent body member to the floating member in substantially fixed relation as aforesaid. According to a further aspect of the invention, the substantially central aperture may be formed completely through the absorbent body member from the bottom surface. --

Please replace Paragraph No. 0017 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0017] According to another aspect of the invention, there is provided a cleaning device in combination with a floating member for dispensing a disinfectant agent into a recirculating fluid system. The recirculating fluid system defines a fluid surface level and contains surface contaminants. The floating member has an upper portion adapted to float substantially adjacent to the fluid surface level. The floating member also has a lower portion that engages the upper portion and extends below the fluid surface level. The floating member also has a means for dispensing the disinfectant agent into the recirculating fluid system. The cleaning device comprises an absorbent body member that has an active surface portion adapted to operatively absorb the surface contaminants from the fluid surface level. The active surface portion comprises a furrowed surface portion that is adapted to absorb the surface contaminants. The absorbent body member comprises a porous absorbent material. The cleaning device further comprises a securing means for removably securing the body member to the floating member. The securing means comprises a substantially central aperture that is formed at least partway through a bottom surface of the absorbent body member to provide an interior securing surface. The interior securing surface is adapted to removably secure the absorbent body member to the floating member as aforesaid. According to this aspect of the invention, when the absorbent body member is secured to the floating member as aforesaid, the combination is adapted to resist being drawn into a flow inlet of the recirculating fluid system. --